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City Council

Item No. _____

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
FACT SHEET**

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

JUNE 1, 2010

Department _____

Requested Date _____

1. Request:

Council Approval

☒Information Only/
Presentation☐

Other (specify) _____

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Hearing

☐**2. Requested Action:**

Hold Public Hearing and receive comments.

3. Fiscal Impact:

Revenue:

Increase

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Source:

CALHOME

Decrease

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Amount:

UP TO A MAXIMUM \$ 800,000 GRANT

Cost:

Increase

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Source:

Decrease

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Amount:

Does Not Apply ☐**4. Reviewed By:**

Finance Dept. on _____

By: _____

Comments: _____

City Attorney on _____

By: _____

Comments: _____

Note: Back up must be submitted along with this form. Deadline is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, prior to the scheduled meeting date.**CLERK USE ONLY:**

CITY COUNCIL DATE: _____

Action

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Reviewed by: City Clerk _____

City Manager _____

Date _____

Date _____

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

SUBJECT: Hold Public Hearing to receive comments on program and or project activities under the State of California Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

AGENDA DATE: June 1, 2010

PREPARED BY: Oscar G. Rodriquez, RDA Asst. Executive Director

REVIEWED BY: Armando G. Villa, Asst. City Manager

APPROVED FOR AGENDA BY: Victor M. Carrillo, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Hold the Public Hearing and receive comments

FISCAL IMPACT: Maximum \$ 800,000 Grant

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: (Prior action/information)

The Department of Housing and Community Development has published a Notice of Funding Availability for the FY 2010-2011 under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Approximately \$24 million is estimated allocation to the State of California from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Eligible applications are as follows:

1. Programs

- Housing Rehabilitation
- Homeownership Assistance
- Combination of Housing Rehabilitation & Homeownership Assistance
- Public Services

2. Projects

- Public Facilities
- Rehabilitation of Muti-Family Projects
- Public Improvements
- Public Improvements in Support of Housing New Construction
- Housing New Construction (Very Limited)
- Real Property Acquisition

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The Activities must meet the national objectives of:

- Benefiting low and moderate income persons; or
- Preventing or eliminating slums or blight; or
- Meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because of existing conditions that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Note: Most activities funded under the CDBG General Allocation will meet the national objecting of benefiting low and moderate-income persons.

The maximum funding limits per activity are:

Maximum Award Limits

- Maximum total award limit will be \$ 800,000.
- Up to a maximum of \$ 400,000 for one of the following programs: housing rehabilitation, OR public services, OR homeownership assistance.
- Up to a maximum of \$ 600,000 for a housing combination program consisting of a housing rehabilitation program AND a homeownership assistance program. This option allows grantees to transfer funds easily between the two activities as needed within written approval from the Department. The Housing Combination program counts as one program.
- Up to a maximum of \$ 800,000 for two programs, of which one is a housing program (housing rehabilitation, or homeownership assistance, or housing combination), AND the other one is a public service program (up to five public service activities), each program with a limit of up to \$400,000.
- Up to a maximum of \$800,000 for up to two eligible projects (public improvements, public improvements in support of housing new construction, public facilities, multi-family rehabilitation, real property acquisition, and housing new construction).
- Up to a maximum of \$800,000 for a combination of one eligible program (up to \$400,000) AND one eligible project, or a combination of the housing combo (up to \$600,000) AND one eligible project.

Limited Number of Awards

Applications for funding will be competitively rated and ranked. Funding will be awarded to applicants that score the highest overall, until the available funding is exhausted. Consistent with the nature of a competitive application process, there is no assurance that all applications will be funded.

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Applications that include activities with higher TIG benefit percentages will be more competitive during the rating-and-ranking process.

After receiving comments, staff will evaluate the activities suggested to determine eligibility, rating, and ranking components. Recommendations will be brought back to the City Council at the meeting of June 15, 2010 for approval to submit an application. Applications are due to the State no later than June 25, 2010.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

1. Eligible Activities

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ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

1. Site Acquisition Costs: Applicants are not required to have site control at the time of application (option to purchase). However, site control can bring readiness points if done properly and will be a special condition of a grant award to be met within the first 90 days of contract execution. Jurisdictions will not be able to use CDBG funds for acquisition costs (for example, bridge loans) incurred prior to the date the State contract is executed and all special conditions have been met. (See Item 6 on the following page.)
2. Project Completion: All activities must be completed prior to the expiration date of the CDBG Standard Agreement, regardless of any other funding sources in the project.
3. Other Financing: Applicants are not required to have other project financing committed at the time of application, but it can bring readiness points. However, the commitment of other financing will be a specified condition of releasing any CDBG project funds. For assessment district formation, applicants must demonstrate that the assessment has passed by a vote of the local residents.
4. Relocation and Displacement: Pursuant to Title 24 CFR, Part 570.606, grantees must ensure that all reasonable steps have been taken to minimize the displacement of persons as a result of activities assisted with CDBG funds. Jurisdictions that receive federal funds in the form of a CDBG grant are required to inform all potentially affected persons, prior to submitting an application for CDBG assistance, of the possibility for relocation as a result of the federally funded project. Potentially affected persons must also be informed of their rights to relocation assistance in the event relocation is triggered by the funded activity. This noticing requirement can be performed using a properly completed General Information Notice (GIN). The GIN can be found in HUD relocation handbook 1378 at: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/handbooks/cpdh/1378.0/>.
5. Federal and State Prevailing Wage Rates: If CDBG funds are used to pay for any construction costs (in excess of \$2,000), or for a housing rehabilitation project of more than eight units, the entire construction contract is subject to federal prevailing wage rates. Refer to Chapter 5 of the CDBG Grant Management Manual at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/cdbg/manual/>.

6. **NEPA Choice Limiting Actions:** Pursuant to 24 CFR, Part 58.2, if CDBG funds will be expended on the purchase of real property or construction work on a site, the applicant **must not** make a choice limiting action, as defined under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), prior to obtaining release of CDBG funds for each proposed activity. Choice limiting actions include executing a sales or lease agreement for purchase of land (however, an option to purchase or lease is acceptable) or executing a construction contract prior to State CDBG release of funds.

A grantee or any participant in the development process may not commit CDBG funds on an activity or project until CDBG has approved the Request for Release of Funds and Certification.

7. **TIG Benefit:** When addressing a neighborhood or community-wide health and safety problem, benefit is generally provided to all the residents of a geographic area or all users of the public facility/service. Typically, only a portion of the beneficiaries of such an activity are TIG households, unless the target area is extremely depressed. Lowered benefit will not necessarily prevent an application from being funded, but a minimum of 51% TIG benefit must be achieved to be eligible for funding.

Note: *Assessments may be paid by CDBG only if the unit is owned and occupied by a TIG household; therefore, these activities have 100 percent TIG benefit.*

Methods for Determining Area TIG Benefit:

- Applicants may use HUD low- and moderate-income data by census tract and census block group to document low income benefit of the area where the services will be provided, available at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/systems/census/ca/#lowmod>.
- Alternatively, the applicant can use a household income survey to document the TIG benefit for proposed activity. See the Appendix K for survey instructions and sample survey form. Applicants must ensure that the survey methodology used to conduct any surveys is statistically sound.

Income surveys that do not clearly describe and document the random sampling methodology will not be accepted and the data included in the NOFA for the jurisdiction-wide TIG benefit will be used. If the applicant is proposing to use some other source of information to document TIG benefit, it is recommended that the applicant contact its CDBG program representative to ensure it is acceptable, prior to submittal of the application.

Beneficiaries with Presumed 100-percent TIG Benefit:**Limited clientele:**

Severely disabled adults – (Low TIG)
Illiterate adults – (Low TIG)
Persons living with AIDS – (Low TIG)
Battered spouses – (Low TIG)
Abused children – (Very Low TIG)
Migrant farm workers – (Low TIG)
Homeless persons – (Very Low TIG)

Beneficiaries with Presumed 51-percent TIG benefit:

Seniors (over 62 years old)

For activities that will benefit seniors, to demonstrate TIG benefit of over 51 percent the application must include an income survey to be competitive. If no income survey is included, the activity's TIG Benefit will be 51% which will garner zero points in the Benefit category.

Note: *Each application must provide information on the proposed beneficiaries for each activity, including the Set-Aside activity.*

8. **Supplemental Information:** If the applicant has extraordinary local circumstances related to housing stock conditions that are not documented by the local housing element or census data sources, the applicant may provide supplemental information in brief narrative format and include documentation to support that the extraordinary local circumstance is recent, up to date and specific to the jurisdiction or target area. For example, documentation of a recent disaster that created a higher need for the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock would be acceptable.

Note: *An income survey does not constitute supplemental information to HUD's Low/Mod Census Data.*

REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION**A. Eligible Activities**

This activity is intended only for the acquisition of housing projects. If the applicant is interested in non-housing property acquisition, the applicant should apply under the activity that corresponds to the proposed use of the property (i.e. when proposing to acquire a public facility, the applicant should apply under the Public Facility activity).

Eligible activities include the following:

1. Acquisition of existing rental housing, the majority of units of which are occupied. This includes acquisition of rental housing projects with at-risk project-based subsidies, by the recipient or other public or private nonprofit entity; *References: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.201(a) and Title 24 CFR, Part 570.208(a)(3).*
2. Resident-purchase of mobile home parks.
Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.201(n).
3. The acquisition of land for use as a park serving primarily a residential neighborhood that is predominantly low- to moderate-income (apply under Public Facility).
4. The acquisition of real property (including, air rights, water rights, easements, rights-of-way, and other interests therein) which is:
 - a) Blighted, deteriorated, deteriorating, undeveloped or inappropriately developed from the standpoint of sound community development and growth;
 - b) Appropriate for rehabilitation or conservation activities;
 - c) To be used for the provisions of public works, facilities, and activities eligible for assistance under this title; or
 - d) To be used for other eligible public purposes.

Reference: Section 105(a)(1) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Note: *Acquisition for the purpose of rehabilitation and re-use or re-sale should be applied for under Housing Rehabilitation.*

B. Ineligible Activities

- The cost of moveable equipment, furnishings or machinery if this is the principal purpose of the activity.

- Acquisition of property that is then expected to be donated or sold for less than the purchase price to the same entity from the property was originally purchased.
- Acquisition of newly-constructed housing or an interest in the construction of new housing, unless such housing is already constructed and for sale on the open market at the time that a commitment is made to use CDBG funds for such a purchase.

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the need for acquisition of housing projects based on the following indicators:

- Jurisdiction's rental unit vacancy rate from the 2000 Census or the homeownership rate from the 2000 Census, as applicable for the type of project proposed;
- Percentage of renters who are overpaying based on the 2000 Census; and,
- Percentage of overcrowding based on the 2000 Census.

HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE**A. Eligible Activities**

Homeownership Assistance **Programs** that provide direct assistance to TIG homebuyers for the acquisition of existing or new housing units, by using such assistance to:

- Subsidize interest rates and mortgage principal amounts;
- Finance the acquisition by TIG homebuyers of housing that is occupied by the homebuyers;
- Acquire guarantees for mortgage financing obtained by TIG homebuyers from private lenders;
- Provide up to 50% of any downpayment required from the TIG homebuyer; or,
- Pay reasonable closing costs incurred by TIG homebuyers.

Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.201(n.);

B. Ineligible Activities

- Homeownership assistance that would benefit a non-TIG person or household.

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the need for acquisition of housing projects based on the following indicators:

- Jurisdiction's rental unit vacancy rate from the 2000 Census or the homeownership rate from the 2000 Census, as applicable for the type of project proposed;
- Percentage of renters who are overpaying based on the 2000 Census; and,
- Percentage of overcrowding based on the 2000 Census.

HOUSING REHABILITATION**A. Eligible Activities**

1. Financing of the costs of repairs and general property improvements to owner- and renter-occupied units, including repair or replacement of principal fixtures and components of existing structures (e.g., the heating system).
2. Demolition and reconstruction of dwelling units (under certain circumstances).
3. Loans for refinancing existing indebtedness secured by a property being rehabilitated with CDBG funds if such financing is determined by the grantee to be necessary or appropriate to achieve the locality's community development objectives.
4. Water or sewer laterals when located on private property.
5. Improvements to increase the efficient use of energy in structures through such means as installation of storm windows and doors, wall and attic insulation, and conversion/modification/replacement of heating and cooling equipment, including the use of solar energy equipment.
6. Improvements to increase the efficient use of water through such means as water savings faucets and shower heads and the repair of water leaks.
7. Initial homeowner warranty premiums when rehabilitation is carried out with CDBG funds.
8. Hazard insurance premiums when rehabilitation is carried out with CDBG funds, except where assistance is provided in the form of a grant.
9. Flood insurance premiums for properties covered by the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and for which the rehabilitation is carried out with CDBG funds.
10. Conversion of commercial properties into housing units.
11. Conversion of a non-residential structure (closed school building, closed military facility, etc.) to residential (adaptive reuse).

Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.202

B. Ineligible Activities

- Creation of a secondary housing unit attached to a primary unit.
- Installation of luxury items, such as a swimming pool.
- Costs of equipment, furnishings, or other personal property not as integral structural fixture, such as a window air conditioner, washer or dryer, etc.
- Labor costs for owners to rehabilitate their own property.

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the following need indicators:

- Percentage of housing stock built pre-1970 based on 2000 census data;
- Percentage of overcrowding based on 2000 census data; and,
- Percentage of units needing rehabilitation based on the housing stock survey in the jurisdiction's adopted housing element. If proposing activities in a target area, a local survey of the target area is acceptable if the data is more recent than the housing element data and less than five years old, and is supported by documentation.

**COMBINATION OF HOUSING REHABILITATION &
HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(THE HOUSING COMBO)**

A. Eligible Activities

This activity combines the Housing Rehabilitation and Homeownership Assistance Programs. It provides greater flexibility by allowing grantees to transfer CDBG funds between the two programs without having to execute a formal contract amendment. Grantees will need to inform the Department in writing each time funds are moved, and written approval for transfer between the two programs will be required.

For details on eligible and ineligible activities, please refer to the Housing Rehabilitation and Homeownership Assistance sections.

Note: *In order to be considered for a housing combination program, the application must include the forms and support documentation for both activities.*

B. Ineligible Activities

- For ineligible activities, please refer to the Housing Rehabilitation and Homeownership Assistance sections.

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will use the same need indicators as those for the individual programs. These two sets of needs scores will be blended together to determine a final need score.

Note: *In order to be considered for a housing combination program, the application must include the forms and support documentation for both activities.*

PUBLIC FACILITIES

A. Eligible Activities

- Acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of buildings and grounds used for public purposes such as training, health services, education, recreation, nutrition, shelter, day care, temporary housing, and fire protection.
- Temporary Housing: To be eligible as a public facility, housing-related activities must be designed for use in providing temporary shelter for persons having special needs. Such shelters would include, but not be limited to, nursing homes, convalescent homes, shelters for victims of domestic violence, shelters and transitional facilities for the homeless, halfway houses for runaway children or drug offenders or parolees, group homes for the developmentally disabled and seasonal housing for migrant farm workers.

Notes:

1. *Costs for design features, which promote the energy efficiency of the proposed public facility activity may be included.*
2. *If a public facility contains multiple uses, including eligible and ineligible uses, it could still receive CDBG assistance if:*
 - *The portion of the building, which will house the eligible uses, will occupy a designated and specific area demonstrated by building drawings/plans.*
 - *The applicant can determine the costs attributable to the facility proposed for assistance as separate and distinct from the overall costs of the multi-use building.*

B. Ineligible Activities

- Buildings used for the general operation of local government are not eligible as public facilities, except that the removal of architectural barriers from such buildings is an eligible activity.
- The costs of maintaining or operating a public facility are not eligible as a public facility activity, but may be eligible under the public service activity.
- Refinancing loans on existing public facility buildings is not an eligible use of CDBG funds unless the refinancing takes place in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the building.
- Permanent housing.
- Time-sharing of eligible and non-eligible uses for the same space

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the need for these activities based on:

- The need for the repair/construction of the building;
- The need for the service located within the building; and
- The extent to which the proposed action will address the problem; and
- The availability of third-party documentation supporting the need for.

Applicants must provide supporting documentation that could include, but not be limited to, letters of support, waiting list information, third-party documentation and data from government agencies. In rating and ranking the proposed activities, the Department will assign points based on the relative severity of problems among all applications.

D. Other Considerations

Use Limitation Agreement: For property acquired or improved in whole or in part using CDBG funds in excess of \$25,000, a Use Limitation Agreement will be required to be in effect for at least five years after the closeout of the CDBG contract.

Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.505(a)

Section 504 Compliance: Obtain certificate of compliance from the architect documenting that the facility meets Section 504 accessibility requirements.

Reference: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

A. Eligible Activities

The costs of acquisition, construction, or installation of a public improvements project and site or others, including water and sewer facilities, flooding and drainage facilities, utilities, and flood control.

Notes:

1. *To be eligible under the General Allocation, the project must be located in and serve a predominantly residential area. The applicant must attach a map indicating the use of the properties in the service area of the project.*
2. *Off-site improvements that are supporting a new housing development, but are not a condition of approval for that development, are eligible under this activity.*

B. Ineligible Activities

- Costs of operating and maintaining public improvements.
- Costs of purchasing construction equipment.

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the need for these activities based on:

- The severity of the health and safety problem to be addressed; and,
- The likelihood that the funds requested will substantially reduce or eliminate the problem.

Applicants with third-party documentation supporting the need may be more competitive. Such documentation could include, but not be limited to, a Cease-and-Desist Order; ranking order on other agencies' future funding lists; and orders from government agencies. In rating and ranking these proposed activities, the Department will assign points based on the relative severity of problems among all applications. The most competitive applications will include documentation that funding for long-term operation and maintenance of the system has been provided for through a structured rate schedule.

**PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS in Support of
Housing New Construction**

A. Eligible Activities

CDBG funds can be used for public improvements in support of housing new construction projects. The following are eligible uses of CDBG funds in conjunction with the actual construction of new permanent housing:

1. On-site improvements to publicly-owned land to enable the property to be used for the new construction of housing, provided the improvements are undertaken while the property is still in public ownership.
2. Off-site improvements such as utilities, streets, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, parks, and recreation facilities, only where specifically required as condition of the housing project approval. If the proposed improvements are not a condition of approval, then the activity would be eligible under Public Improvements.

Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.201(c) and 207(3).

B. Ineligible Activities

- Off-site improvements that are not a condition of approval for the new housing development.

C. Community Need Scoring

Depending on the tenure of the new housing units, the need indicators can include:

- Need for new units, based on the jurisdiction's vacancy rate for the tenancy type proposed, taken from the 2000 census or a local survey;
- Percentage of renters who are overpaying based on the 2000 census;
- Rate of overcrowding based on the 2000 census;
- Project demand, based on a *project-specific* waiting list or market study; and,
- Need for new low- and very low-income units, based on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), as a percentage of the total RHNA allocation.

D. Other Considerations

1. Project Completion: For public improvements in support of housing new construction, the construction of all housing units must be completed and the housing must be occupied (regardless of any other funding sources in the project) prior to the expiration of the CDBG Standard Agreement.

Note: Current CDBG policy allows for grant agreements to be extended for a total of up to 60 months for this type of activity in order to allow for TIG benefit; however, all CDBG funds must be expended within the first 30 months of the contract.

PUBLIC SERVICES**A. Eligible Activities**

CDBG funds may be used to provide public services including labor, supplies, materials, and other costs. Funding operating and maintenance costs in the facility providing the service is allowed under this category. Public services include, but are not limited to:

- Child Care
- Health Care
- Crime Prevention
- Job Training
- Recreation Programs
- Education Programs
- Fair Housing Counseling
- Credit Counseling Services
- Public Safety Services
- Services for Senior Citizens
- Services for Homeless Persons
- Drug and Alcohol Abuse Counseling and Testing
- Transportation Services
- Nutrition Services
- Energy Conservation Counseling and Testing
- Emergency Assistance Payments
- Code Enforcement

B. Restrictions on the Use of CDBG Funds for Public Services Activities

Federal regulations restrict the use of CDBG funds for public services by the following:

1. The service must be new in that it has not been provided before, or has been discontinued for more than 12 months prior to the date the final filing date of the application. Public services currently funded with CDBG grant funds are not subject to this rule and are considered eligible activities.
2. The proposed service must be a quantifiable increase in the level of service over the past 12 months. (Unless an otherwise imminent decrease in level is found not to be caused by local governmental action.).
3. CDBG funds may not be used to provide on-going grants or non-emergency aid (more than three months) to individuals for their food, clothing, rent, utilities, or other income payments.

Note: *The State CDBG allocation for public services cannot exceed 15 percent of the total award to the state plus program income in that year (determined by the Department).*

C. Community Need Scoring

The Department will assess the need for these activities based on documentation demonstrating:

- The severity of the problem being addressed (unmet demand); and,
- The extent to which the proposed action will solve the problem.

The most competitive applications will address a serious threat to the health, safety or well-being of the proposed beneficiaries. Applications with quantitative third-party documentation of the problem may be more competitive. Such documentation could include, but not be limited to, waiting list information and data from government agencies. In rating and ranking these proposed activities, the Department will assign points based on the relative severity of problems, and the extent to which the services will solve these problems, among all applications.

HOUSING NEW CONSTRUCTION

A. Eligible Activities

Pursuant to 24 CFR, Part 570.207, the construction of new permanent housing structures is **ineligible** for CDBG assistance, except under the following limited circumstances:

- Construction of **last resort** housing when a jurisdiction is providing a displaced person with a comparable replacement dwelling unit and this can only be accomplished by new construction. Last resort housing provisions are set forth in federal regulations Title 24 CFR, Part 42, Subpart I. Documentation demonstrating the efforts to relocate individuals must be submitted with the application if last resort housing or displacement is part of the application.

Reference: Title 24 CFR, Part 570.207(b)(3)(i).

- When carried out by a Community-Based Development Organization (CBDO) pursuant to 24 CFR, Part 570.204(a).

Note: *Generally, activities in support of new housing construction projects are eligible under Public Improvements in Support of Housing New Construction.*

B. Community Need Scoring

If the project qualifies as last resort housing, the applicant will receive full points under the Need Category, if previous efforts to relocate individuals are fully documented.

If the project will be carried out by a CBDO, the Department will use the following need indicators:

- Need for new units, based on the jurisdiction's vacancy rate for the tenancy type proposed, based on the 2000 Census;
- Percentage of renters who are overpaying based on the 2000 Census;
- Rate of overcrowding based on the 2000 Census;
- Project demand, based on a *project-specific* waiting list or market study; and,
- Need for new low- and very low-income units, based on the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), as a percentage of the total RHNA allocation.

C. Other Considerations

1. Project Completion: Construction of all housing units must be completed and the housing must be occupied prior to the expiration of the CDBG Grant Agreement.

Note: *Current CDBG policy allows for grant agreements to be extended for a total of up to 60 months for this type of activity in order to allow for TIG benefit; however, all CDBG funds must be expended within the first 30 months of the contract.*

2. Conversion of a non-residential structure to residential (adaptive reuse) is not considered to be a housing new construction activity, and is eligible under Housing Rehabilitation.

STATE CDBG PROGRAM - REQUEST FOR APPLICATION FOR

Allocation Years:**2010-11****2008-11****Allocation Type:****General Allocation****Native American Allocation****Mail, fax or e-mail this Request Form to:**

Latia Johnson, Program Administrative Assistant
 State Community Development Block Grant Program
 California Department of Housing and Community Development
 1800 Third Street, Suite 330
 Sacramento, CA 95811

FAX: (916) 319-8488 or (916) 327-0579

E-mail: ljohnson@hcd.ca.gov

<input style="width: 100%;" type="checkbox"/>	YES. Please send the CDBG Application as follows:	
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<input style="width: 100%;" type="checkbox"/>	<input style="width: 100%;" type="checkbox"/>	E-Mail an electronic copy: My E-Mail address is: _____

Name:	
Organization:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip Code	
Telephone:	
FAX #:	

Note: If you return this form and do not receive the requested form of Application within two weeks, please contact the CDBG Program Administrative Assistant at (916) 552-9398 or e-mail the CDBG Program at CDBG@hcd.ca.gov.

Insurgents attack NATO base

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Insurgents launched a ground attack against NATO's main military base in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, officials said. Rockets started hitting Kandahar Air Field about 8 p.m. local time, followed quickly by a ground assault, said Navy Commander

Amanda Pepperstein, a spokeswoman for NATO forces at the base. She said the attack was still ongoing and did not provide further details. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack — the third major assault on NATO's military hubs in Afghanistan in six days. On Tuesday, a Taliban

suicide bomber attacked a NATO convoy in the capital, killing 18 people including six NATO service members. Then on Wednesday, dozens of Taliban militants attacked the main U.S. military base — Bagram Air Field — killing an American contractor in fighting that lasted more than eight hours.

Alleged drug lord defended

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP) — In a gritty slum, they are preparing for war. They are building barricades of junked cars and sandbags, making Molotov cocktails and pitching barbed wire over power lines.

They are waiting for the police, who they believe will come for Christopher "Dudus" Coke, a 5-foot-4-inch neighborhood boss that the U.S. Justice Department calls one of the world's most dangerous drug lords.

Kingston has been jittery since Prime Minister Bruce Golding this week reversed his long-standing refusal to extradite Coke to the United States on drugs and arms-trafficking charges.

The U.S. Canada and Britain have issued travel alerts, warning of possible violence and unrest, and most Jamaicans are steering clear of downtown Kingston entirely. Dudus' headquarters,



AP PHOTO
A demonstrator displays a message in support of Christopher "Dudus" Coke during a march Thursday in Kingston, Jamaica.

on the west side of the city, is the Tivoli Gardens housing project. Hundreds of residents, many dressed in white, marched peacefully outside a police station Thursday with signs reading "No Dudus, No Jamaica!"

Authorities insist they won't be swayed. "We have and will be

executing the warrant" for Coke's arrest, Deputy Police Commissioner Glenmore Hinds, the officer in charge of operations, told the Jamaica Observer newspaper. "We won't tell you or anybody else what are the options we are foreseeing, but certainly they will be strategic and deliberate."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, TO REVIEW AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION FOR THE STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM (GENERAL) UNDER THE 2010-11 FISCAL YEAR ALLOCATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held before the City Council of the City of Calexico, California, on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as a meeting may be called in the City Hall Council Chambers, 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California. The City Council will accept comments from the public regarding projects to be considered under the CDBG general allocation funds of the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The Community Development/Housing Department on behalf of the City of Calexico is applying for a grant amount of up to \$800,000 under the General Allocation for Housing Rehabilitation, Public Services, Homeownership Assistance, Public Improvements, Public Facilities, Multi-family Rehabilitation, Real Property Acquisition, Housing New Construction and Public Improvements to support of Housing New Construction, to be performed within the City of Calexico.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the activities for submission of a CDBG application. If you are unable to attend the public hearing you may direct written comments to the City of Calexico, Redevelopment Agency, Housing Department, 608 Heber Avenue, Calexico, California 92331 or by email at info@cityofcalexico.org. In addition, a public information file is available for review at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on weekdays.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability or have need for an interpreter, please contact the Housing Department at 760-768-2177 to arrange for those accommodations to be made.

The City of Calexico promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap.

AUDIENCIA PUBLICA

AVISO AL PUBLICO DE AUDIENCIA PUBLICA ANTE EL CONCELLO DE LA CIUDAD DE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA PARA SOLICITAR Y PRESENTAR PROYECTOS CON RESPECTO A FONDOS DEL DESARROLLO DE LA COMUNIDAD DEL ESTADO DE CALIFORNIA BAJO EL PROGRAMA DEL COMUNITARY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) GENERAL PARA EL CICLO 2010-11.

FOR MEDIO DEL PRESENTE SE DE AVISO, que la audiencia publica sera ante el Concello de la Ciudad de Calexico, California el martes, 1ro de Junio de 2010, a las 6:30 p.m. Comentarios del publico secan escuchados con respecto a los proyectos que se consideren bajo el fondo de la asignacion de CDBG, Departamento de Vivienda y Del Desarrollo de la Comunidad.

El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo de la Comunidad de la Ciudad de Calexico esta solicitando un beca con una cantidad maxima de \$800,000 bajo el control General para rehabilitacion de viviendas, servicios publicos, mejoramiento publicos, edificios, publicos, rehabilitacion de apartamentos, adquisicion de propiedad, construccion de viviendas, y mejoramiento publicos con apoyo de construccion a nueva vivienda, que se implementen en diferentes areas de la Ciudad de Calexico.

El motivo de la junta es para proveer a los ciudadanos la oportunidad de solicitar informacion de los proyectos con respecto a los fondos de esta beca, la aplicacion de Community Development Block Program. Si usted no puede asistir la audiencia publica puede enviar sus comentarios por correo a la City of Calexico/Departamento de Vivienda, 608 Heber Ave., Calexico, CA 92331 or llamar a 760-768-2177. La informacion que relaciona al financiamiento disponible y aplicaciones elegibles esta disponible al publico en el domicilio mencionado entre 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m.

Acceso a personas con discapacidades llamar a la oficina de la City of Calexico, Departamento de Vivienda a 760-768-2177. La Ciudad de Calexico promueve vivienda justa y pone a disposicion todos los programas disponibles a familias de bajo y mediano ingreso, independientemente de su raza, color, religion, sexo, edad, origen nacional, preferencia sexual, estado civil o discapacidad.

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